GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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POLLUTION FROM DIESEL
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether pollution from diesel is harmful due to very tiny particles;

(b) whether Euro I and II standards have been prescribed for automobiles;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether more than 50% of tractors utilisation is on roads for transport of goods/ pkessengers;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) if so, whether any emissioln standards have been prescribed for tractors; and

g) if not, whether Government intend to prescribe and also ban their plying on roads?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR.RAMAN SINGH)

a) Yes Sir, if klparticulate matter from diesel is beyond safe limits in the environment.

b) & c) India 2000 norms, which are akin to Euro I norms, have been prescribed for all categories of vehicles to be effective from 1.4.2000 . Bharat II emission norms(akin to Euro II norms) have been prescribed for four wheeled vehicles having Gross Vehicle Weight upto 3.5 tons to be effective from 1.4.2000 in the National Capital Region.

d)& e) As per the available information , the major tractor utilisation is for agricultural purposes.

f) & g)Emission levels have been prescribed for tractors by Ministry of Surface Transport with effect from 1st October 1999.